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LETTER ORDER REVOKING VENDOR REGISTRATION

Via certified mail, return receipt requested

Howard Mason
A-1 Top of the Line Oyster Co.
488 Route 47N
Goshen, NJ 08218

RE: Prohibition of business transactions between New Jersey casino applicants or licensees, their employees or agents and A-1 Top of the Line Oyster Co. (Vendor No. 84714)

ORDER NO. 00779

Dear Mr. Mason:

The investigation by the Division of Gaming Enforcement ("Division") into the vendor registration filed by A-1 Top of the Line Oyster Co. and you, Howard Mason, its 100% owner, disclosed one open judgment against you individually, involving DJ 322933-04, dated December 2, 2004, in the amount of \$2,387.94 owed to the New Jersey Division of Taxation.

N.J.S.A. 5:12-86i, incorporated by reference into N.J.S.A. 5:12-92d, requires the disqualification of a vendor registrant for failure to repay any debts to the State of New Jersey unless that vendor provides proof to the Division's satisfaction of the payment of, or the arrangement to pay, such debts.



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Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 5:12-80b and N.J.S.A. 5:12-80d, the Division has made several attempts by certified mail as well as telephone contact to obtain information about your resolving these debts to the State of New Jersey. On March 27, 2013, the Division's Investigator left you a voice message with instructions to contact him. You never returned this phone cail. On March 28, 2013, the Division successfully sent you a certified letter advising you of the issues with your outstanding debt and how it affects your vendor registration. On April 17, 2013, the Division again called you and left you a message to call back to resolve this issue. You never contacted the Division.

As a result of the above described failure to cooperate and provide the Division with the requested information as well as satisfy outstanding debts to the State of New Jersey, it is hereby **ORDERED** that A-1 Top of the Line Oyster Co. and Howard Mason are disqualified from vendor registration pursuant to N.J.S.A. 5:12-80b, N.J.S.A. 5:12-80d, N.J.S.A. 5:12-86b, and N.J.S.A. 5:12-86i. Therefore, it is further ordered, as of this date, that the vendor registration of A-1 Top of the Line Oyster Co. is **REVOKED** pursuant to N.J.S.A. 5:12-92d, N.J.S.A. 5:12-92h(1) and N.J.S.A. 5:12-94f.

It is further **ORDERED**, pursuant to <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 13:69C-10.1(c)1, that A-1 Top of the Line Oyster Co. and Howard Mason are prohibited from conducting any direct or indirect business with any casino applicant or licensee (hereafter, casino) or any person acting on behalf of a casino.

It is further **ORDERED**, pursuant to <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 13:69C-10.1(c)1, that any casino or person acting on behalf of a casino is prohibited from conducting direct or indirect business with A-1 Top of the Line Oyster Co. and Howard Mason.

It is further **ORDERED**, pursuant to <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 5:12-104b and <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 13:69C-10.1(c)1, that any existing agreements, whether written or unwritten, between A-1 Top of the Line Oyster Co. and Howard Mason and any casino or person acting on behalf of a casino will be immediately terminated.

Finally, it is **ORDERED**, pursuant to <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 13:69A-8.8(a), that A-1 Top of the Line Oyster Co. and Howard Mason are prohibited from reapplying for or obtaining any other license, registration, qualification or approval required under the Casino Control Act until five years has elapsed from the date of this letter order.

Dated: Nw 23, 2013

David Rebuck

Director